Allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies to the public sector oil companies

330. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for divesting the power to allot patrol pumps and gas agencies to the public sector oil companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal.

Delay in refilling the cylinder in West Bengal

331. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the LPG consumers in West Bengal have to wait for a month for refill of the gas cylinder; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) While Oil Companies are continuously meeting the requirement of LPG in West Bengal, efforts are made to meet occasional shortages.

Adequate supply of petroleum in the country

332. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has adequate supply of petroleum and other related products.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the amount of shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) As against domestic availabilty of 50.79 MMTA, the estimated demand for petroleum products in the current year is 60.29 MMTA. the gap will be met by imports.

Decline in crude oil production

333. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Crude oil has been constantly declining every year from 1989-90 onwards;

(b) if so, the decline in the production of Crude oil from 1989-90 to 1991-92;

(c) whether the production of Crude oil is likely to decline further during the current financial year and during the period April-August 1992 production has shown a decline of over 13 per cent over the corresponding period last year;

(d) if so, the estimated quantum of such decline during the current year;

(e) the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to augment production;

(f) whether due to continuous decline in the production of Crude oil, the amount required for importing Crude oil is increasing;